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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-002024
Request No. 1416777
MWH:JNW

VIA: Email

Dear Emma Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning discussions or lessons learned relating to the FBI's interest in the "selling job" described in an attachment to your request. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search. Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the FBI's action on your request. The FBI informed you that it could locate no responsive records subject to the FOIA in its files. Subsequent to your appeal, the FBI conducted a second search, but still could locate no responsive records subject to the FOIA. Please be advised that the FBI conducted a search of its automated indices and its manual index cards for both main files and cross references. I have determined that the FBI has conducted an adequate, reasonable search for such records.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road,

College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

7/3/2019

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Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for
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Signed by: MATTHEW HURD